CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A system for displaying program information comprising:

a first information handling system capable of being coupled to a first display;

a second information handling system capable of being communicatively coupled with said first information handling system, and having a second display disposed on a housing thereof;

said first information handling system being capable of displaying program content on said first display;

said first information handling system being capable of responding to a predetermined event by communicating event related program guide data to said second information handling system; and

said second information handling system being capable of displaying event related program guide data on said second display.

2.   The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first information handling system comprises a first transceiver and said second information handling system comprises a second transceiver, said first information handling system being capable of transmitting event related program guide data to said second information handling system via said first transceiver to said second transceiver.

3.   The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first information handling system comprises a first infrared transceiver and said second information handling system comprises a second infrared transceiver, said first information handling system being capable of transmitting event related program guide data to said second information handling system via said first infrared transceiver to said second infrared transceiver.

4.   The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first information handling system comprises a first radio-frequency transceiver and said second information handling system comprises a second radio-frequency transceiver, said first information handling system being capable of transmitting event related program guide data to said second information handling system via said first radio-frequency transceiver to said second radio-frequency transceiver.

5.   The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second information handling system further comprises a selector for allowing a user to browse the event related program guide data via actuation of said selector.

6.   The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said first information handling system is capable of displaying program content of a first channel;

said second information handling system further comprises an actuator for allowing a user to browse event related program guide data via actuation of said actuator; and

said event related program guide data is capable of enabling a user to browse programming information relating to program content on the first channel over a predetermined range of time.

7.   The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said first information handling system is capable of displaying program content of a first channel;

said second information handling system further comprises a selector for allowing a user to browse event related electronic program guide data via actuation of said selector, and

said event related program guide data is capable of enabling a user to browse programming information relating to program content on a predetermined number of other channels.

8. A system for displaying program content and program guide data, comprising:

means for receiving program content and program guide data;

first means, coupled with said receiving means, for displaying the program content;

means for obtaining program guide data related to an event from said receiving means in response to the event; and

second means, coupled with said obtaining means, for displaying the event related program guide data obtained from said receiving means.

9. The system as claimed in claim 8, said receiving means and said obtaining means including means for wirelessly transmitting the event related program guide data from said receiving means to said obtaining means.

10. The system as claimed in claim 8, said receiving means and said obtaining means including means for transmitting the event related program guide data from said receiving means to said obtaining means via an infrared signal.

11. The system as claimed in claim 8, said receiving means and said obtaining means including means for transmitting the event related program guide data from said receiving means to said obtaining means via a radio-frequency signal.

12. The system as claimed in claim 8, said obtaining means having means for causing said receiving means to transmit the event related program guide data to said obtaining means upon an actuation of said causing means.

13. The system as claimed in claim 8, said obtaining means having means for causing said second display means to display undisplayed event related program guide data upon actuation of said causing means.

14. A method for displaying program guide data, comprising:

upon the occurrence of an event, sending a request for program guide data to a host device;

upon receiving the request, fetching event related program guide data;

transmitting the event related program guide data to a remote device; and

upon receiving the event related program guide data, displaying at least a portion of the event related program guide data on a first display of the remote device such that event related program guide data may be viewed independently from program content.

15. The method as claimed in claim 14, said sending step being executed upon receiving an input into the remote device.

16. The method as claimed in claim 14, the event related program guide data being related to program content being displayed on a second display device coupled to the host device.

17. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the event related program guide data may be browsed on the remote device by a user.

18. The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the steps of receiving an input for event related program guide data, determining whether the event related program guide data is available in the remote device, and, in the event the event related program guide data is not available, executing said sending step whereby the event related program guide data requested corresponds to the received input.

19. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the fetched event related program guide data corresponds to programming information over a predetermined period of time for the channel tuned to by the host device, the program content of the tuned channel capable of being displayed on a second display coupled to the host device.

20.   The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the fetched event related program guide data corresponds to programming information for channels other than the channel tuned to by the host device, the program content of the tuned channel being displayed on a second display coupled to the host device.

21.   A program of instructions storable on a computer readable medium capable of causing an information handling system to execute steps for displaying program guide data, the steps comprising:

upon the occurrence of an event, receiving an input for causing an information handling system to fetch event related program guide data from a database;

transmitting the event related program guide data from the information handling system to a remote device via a communications link between the information handling system and the remote device;

storing the transmitted event related program guide data in a memory of the remote device; and

displaying at least a portion of the event related program guide data stored in the memory on a first display disposed on a housing of the remote device.

22.   The program of instructions as claimed in claim 21, wherein an undisplayed portion of the event related program guide data stored in the memory of the remote device is caused to be displayed on the first display of the remote device by actuation of an actuator disposed on the housing of the remote device.

23.   The program of instructions as claimed in claim 21, wherein the event related program guide data is periodically obtained from the information handling system.

24.   The program of instructions as claimed in claim 21, wherein the event related program guide data includes programming information for a predetermined interval of time.

25.   The program of instruction as claimed in claim 21, wherein the fetched event related program guide data is related to the received input.

26.   The program of instructions as claimed in claim 21, wherein a user may browse event related program guide data on the first display of the remote device while minimally interfering with the viewability of program content displayed on a second display coupled to the information handling system.